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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA: JAPAN WEEKLY REPORT OCOBER 13

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[1](#)B. TOKYO 5039 AND PREVIOUS

[1](#)1. There were no significant avian influenza (AI) developments in Japan during the period August 31 to October 13. No human or animal outbreaks of H5N1 AI were reported in Japan during the above period.

-- The GOJ Conducted a Tabletop Drill on Pandemic Influenza
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[1](#)1. On September 12, 19 Japanese ministries and agencies carried out a tabletop exercise on pandemic influenza. The exercise was conducted under the assumption that a mutated strain of the H5N1 virus, which could be transmitted human-to-human, was found in another country and the spread of the virus was expanding. The Cabinet Secretary provided the ministries and agencies with serial information of the infectious status of the virus every one hour by fax and e-mail. The ministries and agencies were required to send their countermeasures based on the national Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Action Plan to the Cabinet Secretary within two hours.

-- US-Japan-Korea Pandemic Influenza Workshop Held in Tokyo
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[1](#)2. On September 27, the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), and the Institute of World Studies at Takushoku University held a pandemic influenza workshop in Tokyo. The purpose of the workshop was to facilitate an in-depth exchange of information among U.S., Japanese and the Republic of Korea (ROK) experts and officials responsible for planning and managing their respective national strategies for responding to an influenza crisis. In addition to national strategies of the three countries, special attention was given to military preparedness and response plans for pandemic influenza. Officials of PACOM, Japan Defense Agency and ROK Armed Forces Medical Command made presentations during the workshop.

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